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1. DEPT SHARES YOUR CONCERN OVER SAFETY OF U.S. MISSION-

ARIES IN ANGOLA. IF FIGHTING ERUPTS IN THEIR AREAS, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE PORTUGUESE WILL BE ABLE TO PROTECT THEM AND, EXCEPT FOR THE DIAMOND EXPLORATION COMPANY (COMDIANA), THERE ARE NO VIABLE EVACUATION MEANS. WHILE WE LEAVE FINAL DECISION UP TO YOU, IT APPEARS FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE THAT IT MIGHT BE BEST TO NOW ADVISE THE AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IN CENTRAL ANGOLA TO SEND OUT NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONGEN HAS IN THE PAST RECOMMENDED THAT EACH MISSION MAKE ITS OWN CAUTIOUS DETERMINATION ON EVACUATION, BUT WE NOW WISH TO GO ON RECORD WITH A STRONGER WARNING.

2. YOU MIGHT WANT TO REITERATE TO THEM THAT USAF AIR EVACUATION FROM THEIR SCATTERED INTERIOR LOCALES WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. EVEN WERE THE MISSIONARIES ABLE TO CONGREGATE IN NOVA LISBOA AND SILVA PORTO WE COULD NOT PROMISE SWIFT EVACUATION DUE TO THE UNCERTAINTIES OF COMMUNICATIONS, AIR TRAVEL AND LOCAL SECURITY.

3. THE JCS HAVE UNDERTAKEN PRELIMINARY STUDIES, DETERMINING AIRCRAFT AND SHIP AVAILABILITY. THEY ARE ON TOP OF THE SITUATION BUT NEED EXACT COORDINATES OF THE MISSIONS TO PERMIT MORE DETAILED PLANNING. KISSINGER

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